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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Doordarshan Kendras set up in North-Eastern States particularly in Arunachal Pradesh during the last three years;
- (b) the details of Akashwani Kendras functioning in North-Eastern States, State-wise;
- (c) Whether the Government is aware that these Doordarshan and Akashwani Kendras of the said States are not able to function properly due to acute shortage of staff; and
- (d) If so, the details of the shortage and the steps taken by the Government to meet the situation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIP. R. DASMUNSI)

- (a) The details of Doordarshan stations set up in North-Eastern States during the last three years are given at the Annexure I.
- (b) The details of Akashwani Kendras functioning in North-Eastern States are given at Annexure II.
- (c) & (d) Yes, Sir. There is overall shortage of staff in Doordarshan and All India Radio network as a large number of projects have been commissioned without any staff sanction / with partial staff sanction. These projects have been operationalised by way of re-deployment of staff drawn from other Doordarshan / All India Radio stations. Four Low Power Transmitters in North Eastern States viz. Satrasal (Assam), Cherrapunji (Meghalaya), Ambassa (Tripura) & Jolaibari (Tripura) are presently relaying partial transmission due to non availability of adequate staff. In addition, the activities at Studio centre, Gangtok (Sikkim) are limited due to non availability of adequate staff. No staff has been sanctioned for manning the above mentioned five Doordarshan stations. As far as All India Radio is concerned all the Akashvani Kendras mentioned at Annexure II are functioning properly. However, the FM projects at Aizawl, Itanagar and Kohima in North-Eastern States are technically ready, but could not be commissioned due to shortage of staff. Besides 10 kW FM transmitter at Shillong, 10 kW FM transmitter at Agartala have been provisionally commissioned. The matters regarding filling up of the vacant posts and creation of new posts have been referred to the Group of Ministers on Prasar Bharati.